

REMARKS

The examiner has indicated that claims 90-99 are allowed and claims 60, 62-63, 70, 75, 76, 77-78, 82-83, and 84 are allowable. More particularly, the examiner indicates that claims 60, 62-63, 70, 75, and 82-85 are allowable, but are objected to because they are dependent upon a base claim. As for the remaining allowable claims, i.e., claims 76, 77-78, and 84, the examiner has indicated that these are allowable if re-written to overcome the outstanding 112 rejections. The examiner has also objected to informalities in claims 89 and 95.

Applicant has amended the claims as follows to place them in condition for allowance:

- Amended claim 59 now contains the limitations of claim 62, which the examiner indicated is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 59 and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.
- Amended claim 66 now contains the limitation of claim 75 (and the limitations from intervening claim 73), which the examiner indicated is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 66 and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.
- Amended claim 79 now contains the limitations of claim 82 (and the limitations from intervening claim 80), which the examiner indicated is allowable. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that amended independent claim 79 and its dependent claims are now in condition for allowance.
- Amended claim 76 and 84 now specifies that the digital or analog transmission system has an electrical ground circuit and a chassis ground circuit and the frame of the intercoupling component is electrically connected to the chassis ground circuit. Applicant believes this amendment overcomes the 112 ¶2 rejection raised by the examiner in paragraph 7 of the Office Action and places claims 76 and 84, along with their dependents, in condition for allowance.

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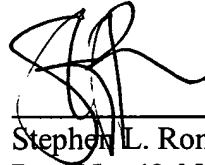
- With respect to the informalities identified by the examiner in claims 89 and 95, Applicant has cancelled claim 89 and has amended claim 95 to correct the informality.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance and asks the examiner to issue a notice of allowance. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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